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**PATENT**

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Services and Multiple  
Carriers

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
37 CFR § 1.97(b)(4)**

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**Section 1: Preliminary Statements:**

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the manual of patent examining procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(B), enclosed is FORM PTO-1449 listing a reference that is known to applicant. In accordance with the Official Gazette Notice entitled "Information Disclosure Statement May Now Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Application in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003" (August 5, 2003), and in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97 (a)(2), only copies of references *other than* U.S. Patents and U.S. Published applications are enclosed herewith.

A Request for Continued Examination is file concurrently herewith. This filing is timely because it is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(4).

Reference No. 1 is a U.S. Patent (U.S Patent No. 7,359,887, Hu, et al.) that issued from a patent application commonly assigned to the assignees of the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

Reference No. 2 is a U.S. Patent (U.S Patent No. 7,421,400, Bilibin, et al.) that issued from a patent application commonly assigned to the assignees of the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

Reference No. 3 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is an Office Action issued for a co-pending patent application that is commonly assigned to the assignees of the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

While this Information Disclosure Statement, and the references and documents cited in the enclosed Form PTO-1449 may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, submission of this Information Disclosure Statement and citation of the references and documents listed in the enclosed Forms PTO-1449 are not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

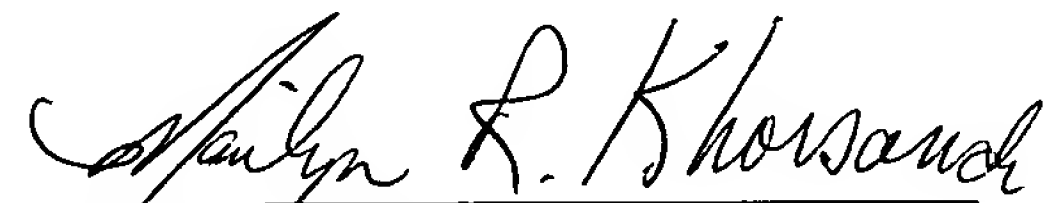
It is respectfully requested that the listed references and documents be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be entered in the application file and returned to Applicant with the next communication from the office in accordance with MPEP §609.

Section 2. FORM 1449

A list of patents and publications is set forth on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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